

Gulf Cove Waterway Benefit Unit Advisory Committee
January 15, 2013
2:00 p.m. – San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: John Eckstrom, Joel Trefry, Ron Kubala, Arthur Jozwiak, Edward Speer

County staff: Judith Nothdurft, Sandra Wright, Chuck Mopps

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

The minutes from the November 13, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

Unfinished Business:

- Assessment of Drainage Outfall Pipes – Ms. Nothdurft had discussions with Maintenance and Operations and Engineering regarding the areas that are sinking by the drainpipes. The pipes have been inspected by Maintenance and Operations from the land side and they suggest that Engineering research or investigate the pipes from the waterway. Mr. Mopps stated that the Waterway Unit should not fund the clean-out caused by the silting of the drainpipes. The Streets and Drainage Unit should be responsible for funding. Residents were solicited by members of the committee to see if they were having problems getting their boats out of the canals. The only problems encountered are in the Myakka River and not in the canals. When the County mows, shears and mulches, the mulch goes into the drain on the side of the roads and ultimately into the drain pipes and collecting in the canals. Mr. Kubala made a motion to draft a letter to Public Works asking them not to mulch the clippings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trefry with all members in favor.
- Dredging Evaluation – There is no baseline for a professional survey. The Gulf Cove Street & Drainage MSBU would have to make the decision to have a professional survey done. The outfall structures are not affecting navigation. The personal survey was done at low tide. Streets & Drainage should come up with a solution for the sediment issue. Each outfall pipe should be investigated. Mr. Mopps stated that Engineering has a permit for clean up.

Mr. Trefry did his own personal survey and created a report which he distributed to the committee for review and questions. After completing the survey he identified that Ms. Ross' problem is in the river. The river is the responsibility of the state's West Coast Navigational District. Mr. Mopps stated any other questions regarding the sandbars that are forming in the Myakka River should come to him. Ms. Nothdurft will draft an e-mail to Ms. Ross explaining Mr. Trefry's findings and stating that the committee has done all they can. The area of concern is outside their responsibility.

New Business:

- Activity report – no discussion
- 2-Year Budget Planning - Mr. Mopps recommended that \$60,000 be budgeted for design and engineering some to be used for a pre-storm survey; \$20,000 for future projects for internal costs ; \$500,000 for construction for fiscal year 2014/2015. Mr. Mopps recommendation is \$20,000 for design and engineering \$20,000 for internal costs and \$100,000 for construction. Mr. Jozwiak made a motion to accept the amounts recommended by Mr. Mopps. Mr. Kubala seconded the motion with all members in favor. A draft of the two-year budget will be given to the committee for review in March.

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- Election of officers - Mr. Jozniak nominated Steve Eckstrom as Chair for another year and Joel Trefry as Vice Chair for another year. Mr. Kubala seconded the nominations with all members in favor. Mr. Eckstrom and Mr. Trefry accepted the nominations.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Wright".

Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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